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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--NOVEMBER 1992

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in November to a level of 142.0 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in November, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in November prior to seasonal adjustment. The November 1992 CPI-W level of 139.8 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in November 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in November, following an increase of 0.4 percent in October. Although each of the seven major expenditure groups contributed to the moderation, the shelter component accounted for over half of the deceleration in the overall CPI-U. Partially offsetting this slowdown within the housing group was a larger increase in the index for household fuels--up 1.0 percent. This advance, coupled with the 0.6 percent increase in motor fuels, resulted in a 0.8 percent rise in the November energy index. Food prices, reflecting declines

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1992								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All items	.1	.3	.1	.5	.2	.4	.2	3.5	3.0
Food and beverages	-.3	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	-.1	1.7	1.6
Housing	.1	.4	.1	.1	.1	.4	.2	2.9	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	.4	-.2	-.2	.0	.2	.3	.1	2.5	1.2
Transportation	.3	.5	.5	-.1	.0	.6	.5	4.5	3.4
Medical care	.5	.4	.5	.4	.5	.6	.4	6.4	6.9
Entertainment	.0	.0	.3	.1	.4	.2	.1	3.1	2.4
Other goods and services	.7	.2	.4	.7	.5	.8	.3	6.6	6.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	.6	2.0	.3	-.2	.0	.5	.8	5.1	2.7
Food	-.4	.1	-.1	.9	.4	.0	.0	1.7	1.5
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.3	3.8	3.4

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in most grocery store food groups were, on average, unchanged for the second consecutive month. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in November after advancing 0.5 percent in October; the slower rate of increase was largely a result of the moderation in shelter costs.

During the first 11 months of 1992, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.1 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, the same as the increase in 1991. Thus far in 1992, food prices have risen at a 1.4 percent annual rate, energy at a 2.8 percent rate, and all items less food and energy at a 3.5 percent rate.

The food and beverage index, which rose 0.1 percent in October, declined 0.1 percent in November. Grocery store food prices also declined 0.1 percent in November. An increase of 0.3 percent in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs was more than offset by declines in each of the other four major grocery store food groups. Beef and poultry prices each rose 0.2 percent, while pork prices declined 0.2 percent. The index for fruits and vegetables declined for the second consecutive month despite another sharp increase in tomato prices--up 56.3 percent in the past 2 months. The indexes for cereal and bakery products, dairy products, and other food at home were characterized by widespread price declines and fell 0.1, 0.5, and 0.4 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in November, following a 0.4 percent increase in October. The slowdown in shelter costs--up 0.2 percent in November after increasing 0.5 percent in October--more than offset the acceleration in the index for household fuels. Within shelter, renters' costs were unchanged, as a 0.4 percent increase in residential rent was offset by a decrease in the index for lodging while out of town. Homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs rose 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for household fuels rose 1.0 percent, largely as a result of a 3.4 percent rise in charges for natural gas. Following seasonal adjustment, the index for electricity rose 0.3 percent, while fuel oil prices declined 0.2 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.1 percent, the same as in October.

The transportation index rose 0.5 percent in November after advancing 0.6 percent in October. Over half of the November advance was due to an increase in public transportation costs. Airline fares, which rose a record 7.9 percent in October, increased 4.4 percent in November. Private transportation costs rose 0.2 percent, largely as a result of a 0.7 percent increase in gasoline prices. Gasoline prices have increased 3.0 percent in the first 11 months of 1992, but remain 14.0 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. New vehicle purchase costs declined slightly in November for the second consecutive month. The new vehicle index was unchanged and automobile finance charges fell 0.9 percent. (As of November, the proportion of 1993 models was slightly over 50 percent of the new car sample.)

The index for apparel and upkeep rose 0.1 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index declined 0.4 percent.) Price discounting for clothing in November was about the same as seasonally anticipated. Charges for apparel services rose 0.3 percent, the same as the average monthly rate for this component during the first 11 months of 1992.

The medical care component rose 0.4 percent in November to a level 6.9 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.3 percent in November. The index for medical care services advanced 0.4 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which rose 0.2 percent in October, increased 0.1 percent in November. A 1.0 percent decline in admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events was largely responsible for the further moderation.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in November, its smallest increase since June. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which had increased sharply in both September and October, declined 0.3 percent in November.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.2 percent in November.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1992								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All items	.1	.3	.2	.4	.1	.4	.2	2.9	2.9
Food and beverages	-.4	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	.0	1.7	1.7
Housing	.1	.4	.1	.1	.1	.4	.3	3.0	2.7
Apparel and upkeep	.3	-.2	.0	.4	-.2	.3	.1	.9	1.5
Transportation	.4	.6	.6	.0	.0	.6	.4	3.8	3.2
Medical care	.4	.5	.6	.4	.5	.5	.5	6.2	7.0
Entertainment	.0	.0	.4	.1	.3	.2	.2	2.9	2.5
Other goods and services	1.0	.1	.4	.7	.6	.8	.2	6.4	6.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	.7	1.9	.4	-.3	-.1	.5	1.0	5.5	2.6
Food	-.4	.1	-.1	.7	.4	.1	-.1	1.8	1.5
All items less food and energy	.3	.1	.3	.3	.1	.5	.2	3.3	3.4

Consumer Price Index data for December will be released on Friday, January 15, 1993, 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 1993:

Feb. 18	Aug. 13
Mar. 17	Sep. 14
Apr. 9	Oct. 15
May 13	Nov. 10
June 15	Dec. 10
July 14	Jan. 13, 1994

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from $10 in 1982-84 to $11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2414, September 1992.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)606-6968.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U

	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1992 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1992	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	141.8	142.0	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	424.7	425.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.627	139.2	139.1	1.6	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Food	14.007	138.1	136.3	1.5	-1.0	.4	.0	-1.0
Food at home	9.921	137.2	137.0	1.5	-.1	.6	.0	-.1
Cereals and bakery products 1/	1.426	152.8	152.7	3.5	-.1	.7	.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.030	131.5	131.8	2.4	.2	.5	.2	.2
Dairy products 1/	1.229	130.1	129.4	2.5	-.5	.5	.2	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.854	153.7	154.0	.9	.2	2.1	.7	.2
Other food at home	2.382	129.2	128.2	1.8	-.8	.1	.0	-.8
Sugar and sweets 1/	.344	133.7	133.0	-1.8	-.5	.1	.0	-.5
Fats and oils 1/	.260	129.9	128.4	2.5	-1.2	.1	.0	-1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.039	140.5	140.4	2.5	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Other prepared food	4.085	141.5	141.5	2.9	.0	.3	.3	.0
Food away from home 1/	1.621	148.2	148.2	2.9	.0	.3	.3	.0
Alcoholic beverages								
Housing	41.544	138.5	138.5	2.8	.0	.4		
Shelter	27.894	152.1	152.4	3.0	.2	.5		
Renters' costs 2/	6.003	161.7	160.4	3.5	-.8	.4		
Rent, residential	5.835	148.0	146.6	2.5	-.9	.4		
Other renters' costs	2.168	184.2	178.3	5.9	-3.2	.4		
Homeowners' costs 2/	19.483	156.8	157.2	3.0	.3	.5		
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	19.303	157.1	157.5	3.0	.3	.5		
Household insurance 1/ 2/	.180	143.1	143.5	3.0	.3	.5		
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.208	129.4	129.5	3.1	.1	.0	1.2	
Maintenance and repair services 1/	.125	134.7	134.8	3.1	.1	.0	1.2	
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	.083	122.2	122.2	3.1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Fuel and other utilities	7.327	118.5	118.3	2.4	-.2	.4	.4	-.2
Fuels	4.057	108.7	108.2	2.4	-.5	.4	.4	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.419	91.4	92.1	-2.5	.8	-.7	.5	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.638	115.4	114.8	3.2	-.5	.5	.3	-.3
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.270	142.4	142.7	2.6	.2	.3	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operation 1/	4.323	128.4	128.5	1.4	.1	.3	.3	.1
Housefurnishings 1/	2.699	109.0	109.1	-.4	.1	.3	.3	.1
Housekeeping supplies 1/	1.154	129.9	130.1	3.1	.2	.4	.4	.2
Housekeeping services 1/	1.469	133.9	134.0	3.8	.1	.4	.4	.1
Apparel and upkeep	6.097	135.0	134.5	1.2	-.4	.2	.3	-.4
Apparel commodities	5.535	132.7	132.1	.9	-.5	.2	.4	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.451	128.8	128.8	-.1	.0	.2	.4	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	3.517	135.1	134.3	1.0	-.6	.2	.4	-.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	.218	130.6	131.9	1.0	1.0	.1	.4	1.0
Footwear	.800	127.1	126.0	-1.9	-.9	.2	.9	-.9
Other apparel commodities 1/	.550	144.3	142.7	-.2	-1.1	.2	.4	-1.1
Apparel services 1/	.562	149.3	149.7	3.7	.3	.1	.3	.3
Transportation	17.013	128.0	129.2	3.4	.9	.0	.6	.5
Private transportation	15.532	128.1	127.8	2.9	-.2	.0	.7	.7
New vehicles	5.032	129.1	130.4	2.4	1.0	.1	.2	.2
New cars	4.055	128.1	129.7	2.7	1.2	.1	.2	.2
Used cars	3.135	129.1	129.9	3.7	.6	.4	.5	.5
Motor fuel	3.304	101.4	102.2	2.8	.8	-.6	.9	.8
Gasoline	-	101.5	102.2	2.8	.7	-.6	.9	.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.520	142.5	142.8	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other private transportation	4.533	154.4	155.3	2.3	.6	.2	.5	.6
Other private transportation commodities 1/	.678	104.5	104.7	-.2	.2	.2	-.3	.2
Other private transportation services	3.855	165.8	166.8	2.8	.6	.2	.5	.6
Public transportation 1/	1.490	152.9	157.4	7.1	2.9	.2	5.0	2.9
Medical care	6.689	192.3	194.3	6.9	1.0	.5	.6	.9
Medical care commodities	1.376	189.8	190.4	7.1	.3	.3	.6	.3
Medical care services	5.433	194.2	195.2	7.0	.5	.5	.6	1.0
Professional medical services	3.213	178.4	179.1	5.9	.4	.6	.5	.4
Entertainment 1/	4.357	143.5	143.7	2.4	.1	.4	.2	.1
Entertainment commodities 1/	2.026	121.6	122.2	2.8	.5	.4	.2	.5
Entertainment services 1/	2.330	158.0	157.8	2.0	-.1	.6	.2	-.1
Other goods and services	6.674	187.9	188.0	6.2	.1	.5	.8	.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.665	272.5	275.0	2.4	.9	.1	.1	.9
Personal care 1/	1.187	138.7	139.0	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	.632	136.8	136.9	2.3	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal care services 1/	.555	140.5	141.1	2.5	.4	.0	.1	.4
Personal and educational expenses	3.822	203.6	203.9	6.9	.1	.1	.6	.1
School books and supplies	.262	193.8	193.9	7.0	.1	.1	.6	.1
Personal and educational services	3.579	204.6	204.9	7.0	.1	.1	.6	.1
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	141.8	142.0	3.0	.1	.2	.4	.2
Commodities	44.487	130.2	130.1	2.0	-.1	.2	.3	-.1
Food and beverages	17.627	139.2	139.1	1.6	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	26.860	124.8	125.1	2.3	.2	.1	.4	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	16.326	128.8	128.8	2.4	.0	.2	.5	.0
Apparel commodities	5.535	132.7	132.1	.9	-.5	.2	.4	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.689	129.7	130.1	3.2	.3	.2	.5	.3
Durables	10.636	119.2	119.0	2.6	-.2	.1	.3	-.2
Services	55.513	152.7	153.0	3.8	.2	.1	.5	.2
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	27.375	158.4	158.6	3.1	.1	.2	.5	.1
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	8.915	131.2	131.0	3.1	-.2	.1	.4	-.2
Transportation services	9.866	157.2	158.8	2.8	1.0	.1	.1	1.0
Medical care services	5.433	194.2	195.2	7.0	.5	.5	.6	1.0
Other services	7.027	172.3	172.4	5.0	.1	.4	.5	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.992	142.4	142.7	3.4	.2	.2	.4	.4
All items less shelter	72.106	138.9	139.2	3.1	.2	.2	.4	.2
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	80.317	143.3	143.5	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.1
All items less medical care	93.311	138.8	139.0	2.8	.1	.2	.4	.1
Commodities less food	26.860	125.7	126.1	2.6	.3	.1	.4	.3
Nondurables less food 1/	17.844	129.8	129.8	2.4	.0	.2	.5	.0
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	12.310	130.6	130.5	2.1	-.1	.2	.5	-.1
Nondurables 1/	23.851	134.1	134.2	2.4	.1	.2	.5	.1
Services less rent of shelter 2/	28.138	145.7	145.9	4.4	.1	.2	.5	.1
Services less medical care services	50.080	150.6	150.8	3.7	.1	.1	.5	.1
Energy	7.741	104.5	104.5	2.4	.0	.4	.4	.0
All items less energy	92.259	146.5	147.0	3.4	.3	.2	.4	.4
All items less food and energy	74.633	149.0	149.3	3.4	.2	.2	.4	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.757	123.9	124.2	2.5	.2	-.2	.3	.2
Energy commodities	3.723	100.6	101.2	3.9	.6	-.6	.7	.6
Services less energy services	51.876	157.7	158.0	3.9	.2	.4	.4	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=$1.00 1/	-	$.705	$.704	-3.0	-.1	-.3	-.4	-.1
1967=$1.00 1/	-	.235	.235	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U

	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
						3 months ended-			6 months ended-		
	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Feb. 1992	May 1992	Aug. 1992	Nov. 1992	May 1992	Nov. 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.3	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.2
Food and beverages	139.1	139.7	139.8	139.7	.9	.9	2.9	3.7	.9	2.3
Food	138.5	139.1	139.1	139.2	.6	.3	3.5	3.7	.9	2.3
Food at home	137.3	138.1	138.2	138.0	.3	-.1	3.6	3.5	.1	2.4
Cereals and bakery products 1/	153.1	152.6	152.8	152.7	-3.0	3.8	6.5	-1.0	6.4	2.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	130.4	131.1	131.3	131.7	1.2	-3.4	-1.8	4.0	-2.6	1.1
Dairy products 1/	129.2	129.7	130.1	129.4	-4.2	-3.4	7.8	-1.6	-.3	1.9
Fruits and vegetables	156.5	160.1	159.8	153.0	-8.5	-5.6	10.6	-5.7	-6.6	11.0
Other food at home	129.6	129.7	129.7	129.6	3.5	.6	1.8	-1.8	3.2	-1.2
Sugar and sweets 1/	133.8	133.7	133.8	133.8	5.6	-.1	1.2	-1.2	3.6	.6
Fats and oils 1/	129.5	129.6	129.9	129.5	3.6	-.9	1.9	-3.4	1.9	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	114.6	114.9	115.9	115.0	2.6	.1	2.1	-.9	1.3	1.5
Other prepared food	140.5	140.6	141.0	141.3	2.4	.4	1.0	1.7	1.4	1.0
Food away from home 1/	141.0	141.2	141.3	141.5	3.7	4.4	3.4	4.2	4.0	4.0
Alcoholic beverages	147.5	147.7	148.1	148.5	3.9	4.5	.0	3.4	4.2	3.6
Housing	137.8	137.9	138.1	138.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8
Shelter	151.4	151.4	152.0	152.5	4.4	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.8
Renters' costs 2/	160.5	161.3	162.0	162.0	5.0	5.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
Rent, residential	147.0	146.8	147.7	148.3	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.7
Other renters' costs	185.5	189.5	189.5	188.1	11.1	10.5	5.0	3.0	6.8	4.3
Homeowners' costs 2/	155.0	155.3	156.4	156.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.0
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	156.0	155.8	156.6	157.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	152.9	153.1	153.1	153.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	128.1	128.5	129.4	129.5	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.8	3.8
Maintenance and repair services 1/	133.1	133.1	134.7	134.8	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.8	3.8
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	121.3	122.2	122.2	122.3	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.8	3.8
Fuel and other utilities	115.5	115.6	115.8	115.8	-1.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	-.4	.6
Fuels	108.0	108.4	108.8	109.9	-7.1	4.3	7.0	9.2	-1.5	7.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	93.6	92.9	93.6	92.9	-27.5	3.7	22.1	-3.0	-13.3	9.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	114.5	115.1	115.4	116.9	-4.9	4.4	5.4	8.7	.1	7.0
Other utilities and public services 1/	141.3	141.0	141.4	141.7	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.5	2.8
Household furnishings and operation 1/	118.1	118.3	118.4	118.5	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.7	2.4	1.8
Housefurnishings 1/	109.0	108.6	109.0	109.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.8
Housekeeping supplies 1/	130.1	129.8	129.9	130.2	3.4	3.9	1.9	2.1	3.6	2.0
Housekeeping services 1/	133.0	133.8	133.9	134.0	2.8	3.1	6.2	3.0	3.0	4.6
Apparel and upkeep	131.5	132.1	132.5	132.6	2.5	1.2	-1.5	2.5	1.8	.5
Apparel commodities	129.2	129.4	129.9	129.9	2.5	.8	-1.6	2.5	1.6	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	125.7	125.9	126.4	126.4	3.5	-2.0	-3.6	3.9	.8	-1.2
Women's and girls' apparel	129.4	130.3	131.2	131.5	1.9	-.7	-1.1	2.0	2.1	.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	128.8	130.1	130.6	131.9	-11.5	12.3	-14.5	10.0	2.2	2.5
Footwear	126.7	126.0	126.9	126.4	-8.7	2.6	6.6	-1.1	-.6	2.5
Other apparel commodities 1/	143.9	143.6	144.3	142.7	-4.6	-.3	3.1	-3.3	-2.5	-.1
Apparel services 1/	148.6	148.8	149.3	149.7	5.9	.8	5.0	3.0	3.4	4.0
Transportation	127.3	127.3	128.0	128.6	-1.0	6.3	3.5	4.5	2.6	4.0
Private transportation	125.9	125.9	126.7	126.5	-1.9	6.4	3.6	3.9	2.4	3.7
New vehicles	130.2	130.6	130.2	130.2	1.9	5.8	3.5	1.0	3.4	2.4
New cars	129.1	129.6	129.5	129.5	1.2	6.2	3.5	.8	3.5	2.2
Used cars	125.6	127.0	126.2	127.0	-8.7	15.1	15.0	11.1	3.5	13.1
Motor fuel	100.4	99.6	100.4	101.0	-9.9	9.5	10.6	12.6	-.7	9.6
Gasoline	100.4	99.7	100.3	101.0	-8.7	9.5	10.6	12.6	-.8	9.6
Maintenance and repairs 1/	141.6	142.2	142.5	142.8	3.5	3.2	2.3	2.0	3.3	2.6
Other private transportation	153.7	153.4	154.1	154.5	.3	4.3	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.4
Other private transportation commodities 1/	104.6	104.8	104.5	104.7	.0	-.4	-.8	.4	-.2	-.2
Other private transportation services	165.1	164.7	165.6	166.0	.5	5.0	3.5	2.2	2.7	2.5
Public transportation 1/	146.7	145.6	152.9	157.4	10.5	2.4	-12.3	32.5	6.4	7.9
Medical care	191.6	192.6	193.6	194.6	9.1	6.6	3.6	6.4	7.9	6.0
Medical care commodities	188.5	189.3	190.2	190.7	6.5	5.6	3.5	3.5	6.6	4.5
Medical care services	192.0	193.1	194.4	195.2	9.4	7.1	6.2	6.8	8.1	7.0
Professional medical services	176.9	177.9	178.8	179.4	8.6	6.7	5.1	5.8	8.2	5.5
Entertainment 1/	162.6	163.2	163.5	163.7	.9	3.7	3.7	3.1	2.3	3.4
Entertainment commodities 1/	131.6	131.3	131.6	132.2	1.2	3.1	3.2	3.8	2.2	3.5
Entertainment services 1/	156.2	157.7	158.0	157.8	.5	4.2	3.9	4.2	2.4	3.2
Other goods and services	185.2	186.2	187.6	188.2	5.5	7.8	5.1	8.6	6.7	5.9
Tobacco and smoking products	220.2	221.0	222.7	226.8	5.4	11.5	2.0	12.5	9.0	6.5
Personal care 1/	138.7	138.6	138.7	139.0	5.4	1.5	2.0	.9	3.4	1.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	137.3	137.0	136.8	136.9	6.1	-.9	3.6	-1.2	3.5	1.2
Personal care services 1/	140.1	140.1	140.5	141.1	4.4	3.7	1.9	2.1	3.4	2.0
Personal and educational expenses	199.6	200.1	201.4	202.7	6.7	6.6	8.0	8.4	6.1	8.2
School books and supplies	192.2	191.3	193.5	193.5	5.8	5.9	5.8	2.7	5.8	4.2
Personal and educational services	200.2	200.7	202.0	203.3	6.7	6.6	8.4	9.3	6.6	8.8
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.3	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.2
Commodities	129.7	130.0	130.1	130.4	.8	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.2
Food and beverages	139.1	139.7	139.8	139.7	.9	.9	2.9	3.7	.9	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	123.9	124.0	124.4	124.6	.8	7.7	2.8	3.3	3.0	5.2
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	126.8	126.9	126.8	126.6	-.5	10.8	1.0	2.1	1.6	5.0
Apparel commodities	129.2	129.4	129.9	129.9	2.2	.8	-1.6	2.5	1.6	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	123.3	123.6	123.7	123.1	-5.3	11.4	4.5	2.5	2.9	3.5
Durables	119.1	119.4	119.5	119.7	2.7	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.5
Services	152.6	152.8	152.7	154.3	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.5	3.1	3.9
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	156.5	156.0	156.4	156.8	5.3	1.0	4.0	.3	3.1	2.1
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	130.9	131.2	131.7	132.4	-.6	3.2	4.7	4.7	1.6	4.7
Transportation services	155.1	154.8	157.0	158.2	2.5	4.0	3.5	5.2	3.7	3.9
Medical care services	192.0	193.1	194.4	195.2	9.4	7.1	6.2	6.8	8.1	7.0
Other services	170.1	170.8	171.6	172.2	4.5	4.9	5.6	5.0	4.7	5.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	141.2	141.5	142.1	142.6	2.6	4.1	2.9	4.0	3.6	3.5
All items less shelter	131.9	132.3	132.6	132.7	2.5	3.9	2.9	3.7	3.5	3.5
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	142.4	142.8	143.4	143.7	2.0	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.4
All items less medical care	137.5	138.1	138.6	138.9	2.1	3.0	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.1
Commodities less food	120.9	121.1	121.3	121.7	.8	7.7	2.8	3.3	3.0	5.2
Nondurables less food 1/	127.9	129.1	129.8	129.8	-5.6	10.3	10.6	6.1	6.1	8.1
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	130.2	130.5	130.6	130.9	-14.0	10.6	4.1	2.0	2.0	8.0
Nondurables 1/	133.0	133.8	134.2	134.2	-11.2	9.3	3.6	3.0	4.4	6.4
Services less rent of shelter	148.2	148.5	149.1	150.0	3.2	5.0	3.8	6.4	3.5	4.4
Services less medical care services	148.2	148.5	149.1	150.0	3.2	5.0	3.8	6.4	3.5	4.4
Energy	101.4	101.4	104.1	104.9	-8.7	9.6	8.5	5.1	.1	6.8
All items less energy	146.1	146.4	147.0	147.3	3.6	3.1	2.5	3.1	3.8	3.2
All items less food and energy	148.0	148.3	149.0	149.4	3.7	3.9	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	122.9	123.2	123.6	123.7	-2.2	6.2	1.2	2.6	-.2	1.8
Energy commodities	99.7	99.1	99.8	100.2	-11.7	8.7	11.6	2.0	-2.0	8.7
Services less energy services	156.5	156.7	157.6	158.1	4.5	3.7	3.1	4.2	4.1	3.6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Percent change to Nov. 1992 from- Nov. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Percent change to Oct. 1992 from- Oct. 1991	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992
U.S. city average	M	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	3.0	0.5	0.1	3.2	0.6	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	M	148.2	148.5	148.9	149.0	3.3	.3	.1	3.6	.5	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	148.6	149.1	149.6	149.6	3.5	.3	.0	4.0	.7	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	148.1	147.6	148.0	148.3	3.0	-.3	.2	3.5	-.1	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	146.2	146.1	146.3	146.9	2.7	-.5	.4	2.8	.1	.4
North Central urban	M	136.7	137.2	137.4	137.6	2.7	.3	.1	2.8	.6	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	137.9	138.6	138.3	138.5	2.5	-.1	.1	2.6	.3	-.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	134.1	134.9	135.9	136.1	2.6	.9	.1	2.7	1.4	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	138.2	138.6	139.2	139.4	3.4	.6	.1	3.9	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	132.4	132.1	132.7	133.4	2.7	1.0	.5	3.0	.2	.5
South urban	M	137.0	137.3	137.8	138.1	2.8	.6	.2	2.8	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	137.3	137.5	138.2	138.7	2.4	.6	.1	2.4	.7	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	139.1	139.4	139.4	139.7	3.9	.2	.2	3.9	.4	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	134.0	134.5	137.0	137.3	2.8	.6	.2	2.9	.7	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	134.4	134.5	136.0	136.0	3.0	1.1	.0	3.0	1.2	1.1
West urban	M	142.3	142.9	143.7	143.9	3.5	.7	.1	3.7	1.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	144.3	144.9	145.7	145.7	3.4	.6	.0	3.7	1.0	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	139.5	140.2	141.0	142.2	4.0	1.4	.9	4.1	1.1	.9
Size classes											
A 3/	M	128.1	128.5	128.9	129.0	3.0	.4	.1	3.2	.6	.3
B	M	140.0	140.4	140.9	141.2	3.1	.6	.2	3.4	.6	.4
C	M	139.0	139.4	140.0	140.4	3.2	.7	.3	3.4	.7	.4
D	M	135.9	135.9	136.8	137.1	2.9	.9	.2	2.8	.7	.7
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	141.9	142.7	142.1	142.4	3.2	-.2	-.2	3.0	-.1	-.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	146.9	147.4	148.4	148.2	3.3	.5	-.1	3.5	1.0	-.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	150.8	151.4	152.1	152.2	3.8	.5	.1	4.4	.9	-.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	146.0	146.1	146.0	145.5	2.9	-.4	-.3	3.4	.0	-.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	142.7	143.7	144.5	144.2	3.1	.3	-.1	3.4	1.1	-.4
Baltimore, MD	1	-	141.9	-	141.1	2.4	-.6	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	149.4	-	150.2	3.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	137.9	-	137.1	1.8	-.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	134.6	-	135.9	1.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	136.6	-	136.0	3.1	-.4	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	144.0	-	144.9	3.0	.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	134.4	-	136.1	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	135.8	-	137.3	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	129.9	-	130.6	-	-	-	-	2.7	.5	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	134.9	-	137.7	-	-	-	-	3.4	.6	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W

	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1992 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1992	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	139.6	139.8	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	416.5	416.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.547	138.8	138.8	1.7				
Food	17.811	138.0	138.0					
Food at home	11.244	136.7	136.6					
Cereals and bakery products 1/	1.625	152.6	152.5					
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.553	131.4	131.8					
Dairy products 1/	1.063	129.2	129.2					
Fruits and vegetables	1.958	152.8	153.1					
Other food at home	2.738	125.1	125.0					
Sugar and sweets 1/	.387	133.3	133.4					
Fats and oils 1/	.298	128.7	128.4					
Nonalcoholic beverages	.861	114.5	113.8					
Other prepared food	1.192	140.7	140.5					
Food away from home 1/	6.567	141.7	141.6					
Alcoholic beverages	1.737	148.0	147.8					
Housing	29.078	135.9	136.0					
Shelter	22.593	148.5	147.9					
Renters' costs 2/	8.115	147.0	147.4					
Rent, residential	6.678	147.1	148.1					
Other renters' costs	1.437	146.6	145.6					
Homeowners' costs 2/	12.275	147.9	147.3					
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	10.953	147.3	147.3					
Household insurance 1/ 2/	.322	131.1	131.1					
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.202	130.7	130.8					
Maintenance and repair services 1/	.109	138.7	138.8					
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	.093	118.8	120.1					
Fuel and other utilities	3.532	108.7	109.0					
Fuels	4.149	108.1	107.7					
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.383	91.3	91.9					
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.766	114.8	114.3					
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.403	144.0	144.3					
Household furnishings and operation 1/	5.932	117.2	117.5					
Housefurnishings 1/	3.615	107.8	107.9					
Housekeeping supplies 1/	1.189	120.4	120.9					
Housekeeping services 1/	1.128	135.4	135.6					
Apparel and upkeep	6.092	133.8	133.4					
Apparel commodities	3.644	133.5	133.1					
Men's and boys' apparel	1.445	128.0	128.1					
Women's and girls' apparel	2.452	133.4	132.7					
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	.285	133.5	134.6					
Footwear	.884	127.5	126.6					
Other apparel commodities 1/	.502	143.1	141.0					
Apparel services 1/	.526	148.9	149.3					
Transportation	18.929	127.5	128.2					
Private transportation	17.800	126.1	126.8					
New vehicles	4.934	129.4	130.9					
New cars	3.868	128.0	129.5					
Used cars	3.040	126.5	126.3					
Motor fuel	4.068	101.5	101.0					
Gasoline	-	101.5	101.0					
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.596	143.2	143.6					
Other private transportation	5.173	150.8	151.6					
Other private transportation commodities 1/	.856	104.6	104.1					
Other private transportation services	4.317	162.0	162.1					
Public transportation 1/	1.134	151.4	154.9					
Medical care	5.674	193.0	193.8					
Medical care commodities	1.934	184.2	185.0					
Medical care services	3.740	196.0	196.7					
Professional medical services	2.735	179.0	179.7					
Entertainment 1/	4.027	141.7	142.2					
Entertainment commodities 1/	2.110	131.1	131.7					
Entertainment services 1/	1.917	153.6	153.6					
Other goods and services	4.642	187.7	187.7					
Tobacco and smoking products	1.196	225.6	225.1					
Personal care 1/	1.146	139.0	139.2					
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	.452	137.5	137.5					
Personal care services 1/	.694	140.0	141.0					
Personal and educational expenses	3.302	200.0	200.0					
School books and supplies	.211	194.9	197.0					
Personal and educational services	3.091	200.7	201.1					
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	139.6	139.8					
Commodities	48.484	130.0	130.2					
Food and beverages	19.547	138.8	138.8					
Commodities less food and beverages	28.937	124.5	124.9					
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	17.393	128.6	128.8					
Apparel commodities	3.644	133.5	133.1					
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	13.749	127.1	127.5					
Durables	11.544	117.6	117.6					
Services	51.516	147.6	147.6					
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	21.041	143.8	143.9					
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.758	120.5	120.6					
Transportation services	5.051	155.3	154.7					
Medical care services	6.668	194.0	194.8					
Other services	6.028	149.5	149.7					
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.189	139.8	140.1					
All items less shelter	74.407	137.4	137.9					
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	82.725	137.1	137.6					
All items less medical care	94.326	137.0	137.2					
Commodities less food	30.937	122.4	122.8					
Nondurables less food 1/	19.032	126.5	126.7					
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	15.388	120.9	121.2					
Nondurables 1/	30.862	123.9	124.0					
Services less rent of shelter 1/	30.475	141.2	141.3					
Services less medical care services	44.848	144.0	144.0					
Energy	9.677	104.7	104.7					
All items less energy	71.782	144.4	144.7					
All items less food and energy	71.972	148.4	148.7					
Commodities less food and energy commodities	20.222	122.9	123.2					
Energy commodities	8.911	100.9	101.4					
Services less energy services	49.750	155.7	156.1					
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=$1.00 1/	-	$.716	$.715					
1967=$1.00 1/	-	.340	.340					

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W

	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
						3 months ended-			6 months ended-	
	Aug. 1992	Sept.p 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Feb. 1992	May 1992	Aug. 1992	Nov. 1992	May 1992	Nov. 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.8	3.6	3.5	2.9	2.7	3.2
Food and beverages	138.8	139.2	139.5	139.4	.9	.9	2.9	1.7	.9	2.3
Food	138.0	138.4	138.7	138.6	.9	.9	3.0	1.8	.9	2.4
Food at home	136.9	137.4	137.7	137.5	.8	.8	3.0	1.8	.8	2.4
Cereals and bakery products 1/	152.9	152.5	152.6	152.5	-3.0	-4.1	1.1	1.4	-3.6	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	130.4	131.0	131.4	131.8	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.8
Dairy products 1/	128.9	129.5	129.8	129.4	-4.8	-1.2	1.9	-1.2	-3.0	.3
Fruits and vegetables	154.2	159.2	159.4	158.2	-10.8	-1.9	2.5	-1.1	-6.4	.7
Other food at home	137.1	137.4	137.9	138.4	2.0	2.2	2.9	3.1	2.1	3.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	127.1	127.4	127.7	128.0	2.0	1.4	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.3
Fats and oils 1/	129.1	129.8	129.7	128.4	-5.0	-3.1	1.4	-1.1	-4.0	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	115.1	115.5	116.1	117.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.6
Other prepared food	140.4	140.7	140.8	141.4	2.1	2.1	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.8
Food away from home 1/	140.8	141.1	141.2	141.4	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	147.2	147.4	148.0	148.3	3.7	4.5	.8	3.0	4.1	1.9
Housing	135.2	135.2	135.8	136.2	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.1
Shelter	147.6	147.5	148.0	148.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8
Renters' costs 2/	140.9	141.4	142.0	142.4	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.1
Rent, residential	144.2	144.4	144.7	145.0	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8
Other renters' costs	128.4	129.1	129.9	130.4	4.1	5.4	6.4	5.0	5.4	5.7
Homeowners' costs 2/	152.4	151.9	152.3	152.8	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	142.4	142.7	143.2	143.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Household insurance 1/ 2/	130.9	131.1	131.3	131.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Maintenance and repairs 1/	128.9	129.2	130.1	130.8	3.8	4.6	6.0	6.2	4.2	6.1
Maintenance and repair services 1/	134.5	134.5	135.7	136.8	3.8	4.6	6.0	6.2	4.2	6.1
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	118.7	119.6	118.8	120.1	3.8	4.6	6.0	6.2	4.2	6.1
Fuel and other utilities	118.0	118.2	118.5	119.0	4.8	3.1	6.5	6.5	1.9	6.5
Fuels	107.3	107.7	108.0	108.2	4.8	3.1	6.5	6.5	1.9	6.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	93.4	92.8	93.2	92.6	-27.0	3.2	22.4	-3.4	-13.2	8.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	113.9	114.5	114.8	116.0	-2.1	2.9	2.1	7.6	-.6	5.3
Other utilities and public services 1/	143.5	143.5	144.0	144.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Household furnishings and operation 1/	117.0	117.1	117.3	117.5	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Housefurnishings 1/	107.5	107.6	107.6	107.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Housekeeping supplies 1/	130.3	130.4	130.4	130.5	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Housekeeping services 1/	134.2	135.4	135.4	135.4	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.9
Apparel and upkeep	131.1	130.9	131.3	131.4	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Apparel commodities	128.8	128.5	129.0	129.0	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel	125.2	125.1	125.4	125.4	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Women's and girls' apparel 1/	129.4	129.1	129.8	130.0	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	130.8	130.8	131.5	131.4	-11.1	2.8	12.0	12.0	-4.3	12.0
Footwear	134.9	135.2	135.2	135.4	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Other apparel commodities 1/	124.7	124.5	124.7	124.8	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Apparel services 1/	148.2	148.5	148.9	149.3	3.4	3.5	4.7	3.8	3.4	4.2
Transportation	126.7	126.7	127.4	127.9	-2.2	2.7	4.9	3.6	2.1	4.2
Private transportation	125.6	125.7	126.4	126.9	-2.2	2.7	4.9	3.6	2.1	4.2
New vehicles	130.7	131.0	130.9	130.4	.8	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.7
New cars	129.0	129.5	129.4	129.3	.8	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.7
Used cars	126.2	127.6	128.7	128.2	-11.0	8.0	11.1	7.9	-1.5	9.5
Motor fuel	100.1	99.7	100.4	101.4	-10.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	-7.1	4.1
Gasoline	100.1	99.7	100.4	101.4	-10.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	-7.1	4.1
Maintenance and repairs 1/	141.6	142.4	142.7	143.0	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Other private transportation	158.5	158.4	159.8	161.0	-.5	6.4	1.6	6.3	1.9	3.9
Other private transportation commodities 1/	104.1	104.2	104.0	104.1	-.4	-.4	-.4	.0	-.4	-.2
Other private transportation services	161.6	161.6	162.0	162.3	5.5	7.1	2.0	7.7	3.2	5.5
Public transportation 1/	146.2	145.2	147.4	148.6	12.4	7.6	-10.5	24.0	7.0	6.2
Medical care	191.1	192.1	193.1	194.0	9.1	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.1
Medical care commodities	187.4	187.9	188.4	188.9	8.1	7.7	6.5	6.8	8.0	7.7
Medical care services	191.8	192.8	194.0	195.0	9.1	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.1
Professional medical services	177.5	178.3	179.2	180.0	6.5	6.2	5.4	5.8	6.3	5.6
Entertainment 1/	141.3	141.6	141.9	142.3	1.2	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.7
Entertainment commodities 1/	126.0	126.5	127.0	127.4	.8	4.0	3.9	3.1	2.5	2.7
Entertainment services 1/	156.0	157.1	157.1	157.6	1.6	4.3	3.1	4.2	3.5	3.1
Other goods and services	185.0	186.1	187.6	187.9	3.1	3.8	4.9	6.4	4.7	4.7
Tobacco and smoking products	220.7	224.6	227.7	226.7	6.3	7.2	3.0	11.3	6.4	6.7
Personal care 1/	138.5	138.8	139.0	139.2	2.3	1.2	1.0	.9	1.7	1.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	137.9	137.6	137.5	137.5	4.7	1.2	3.6	-.1	2.9	1.2
Personal care services 1/	139.9	140.0	140.3	141.0	3.0	1.2	.9	2.1	1.0	1.6
Personal and educational expenses	196.1	196.6	196.8	197.4	2.1	5.8	6.5	5.4	3.9	5.9
School books and supplies	197.1	197.1	198.5	199.9	2.1	5.8	6.5	5.4	3.9	5.9
Personal and educational services	196.1	196.6	196.8	197.4	2.1	5.8	6.5	5.4	3.9	5.9
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.8	3.6	3.5	2.9	2.7	3.2
Commodities	129.2	129.6	129.9	130.1	1.0	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.2
Food and beverages	138.8	139.2	139.5	139.4	.9	.9	2.9	1.7	.9	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	123.4	123.6	124.0	124.3	1.0	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	126.9	127.9	128.6	128.7	2.2	1.9	.9	5.8	2.1	3.3
Apparel commodities	128.8	128.5	129.0	129.0	2.8	1.9	.9	3.3	1.9	2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	129.7	130.0	130.1	130.3	-6.5	13.5	6.8	3.5	3.0	3.4
Durables	122.1	122.7	123.1	123.2	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6
Services	140.8	140.8	141.1	141.6	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	142.5	142.7	143.2	143.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.5
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	120.3	120.6	121.1	121.7	2.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.8
Transportation services	156.1	156.0	155.3	156.3	4.0	4.1	1.0	5.8	4.0	3.0
Medical care services	191.8	192.8	194.0	195.0	9.1	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.1
Other services	147.6	148.1	149.0	149.5	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.6	4.5	5.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	138.6	138.9	139.4	139.8	2.1	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.4
All items less shelter	130.8	131.1	131.7	132.0	1.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.6	3.3
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	130.8	131.1	131.7	132.0	1.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.6	3.3
All items less medical care	126.7	126.7	126.9	127.1	1.0	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.2
Commodities less food	124.4	124.7	125.1	125.4	1.0	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.6
Nondurables less food 1/	128.0	128.9	129.6	129.7	2.2	1.9	.9	5.8	2.1	3.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	130.5	130.8	130.9	131.1	-6.5	13.5	6.8	3.5	3.0	3.4
Nondurables 1/	131.4	131.8	132.0	132.1	2.2	1.9	.9	5.8	2.1	3.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/	141.6	141.8	142.1	142.4	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6
Services less medical care services	140.9	141.0	141.3	141.8	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.6
Energy	103.2	103.2	103.7	104.7	-4.8	3.1	6.5	6.5	1.9	6.5
All items less energy	142.5	143.1	143.4	143.7	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.4
All items less food and energy	145.5	145.7	146.1	146.3	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	121.9	122.2	122.6	122.8	-1.6	3.4	1.2	3.8	-3.4	2.5
Energy commodities	99.8	99.1	100.0	100.7	-1.6	3.1	10.2	3.8	-4.5	3.4
Services less energy services	154.8	154.9	155.8	156.3	6.3	5.1	3.3	5.3	5.7	5.4

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

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Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1992 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1992 from-		
		Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Oct. 1991	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992
U.S. city average	M	138.8	139.1	139.6	139.8	2.9	0.5	0.1	3.1	0.6	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	M	146.1	146.4	146.9	147.1	3.2	.5	.1	3.5	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	145.2	146.0	146.6	146.8	3.3	.5	.1	3.5	.8	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	146.2	147.7	148.1	148.4	3.1	.5	.1	3.4	.8	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	147.8	147.9	148.3	148.8	2.4	.6	.3	2.6	.3	.3
North Central urban	M	134.1	134.6	134.7	135.0	2.6	.2	.2	2.7	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	134.5	135.2	134.9	135.2	2.5	.0	.2	2.5	.5	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	131.2	132.0	132.8	133.1	3.4	.8	.2	3.1	1.2	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	134.3	134.6	134.1	134.5	3.2	.5	.3	3.6	.1	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	131.9	131.5	132.1	132.7	2.6	.9	.5	3.0	.2	.5
South urban	M	135.9	136.2	136.7	136.9	2.8	.5	.1	2.5	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	136.1	136.4	136.7	136.8	2.6	.4	.1	2.4	.4	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	135.9	136.2	136.4	136.8	2.6	.4	.2	2.4	.6	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	136.2	136.7	137.2	137.5	2.8	.6	.2	2.9	.7	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	134.8	135.0	136.2	136.4	2.9	1.0	.1	2.8	1.0	.9
West urban	M	140.1	140.6	141.2	141.6	3.5	.7	.2	3.6	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	140.6	141.0	141.7	141.8	3.4	.6	.1	3.6	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	134.1	134.7	135.3	140.4	3.8	1.2	.8	3.9	.9	.4
Size classes											
A 3/	M	137.5	137.9	138.2	138.6	3.0	.4	.2	3.2	.5	.2
B	M	137.4	138.2	138.7	139.0	2.8	.5	.2	2.9	.6	.2
C	M	134.9	135.2	135.7	140.1	3.8	.6	.3	3.7	.9	.4
D	M	135.7	135.8	136.5	136.9	2.8	.6	.3	2.7	.8	.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	137.5	138.3	137.7	138.2	3.2	-.1	.4	3.1	-.1	-.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	142.4	142.8	143.6	143.5	3.2	.5	-.1	3.7	.8	.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	147.6	148.3	149.1	149.2	2.4	.6	.1	4.3	1.0	.5
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	147.8	147.9	147.8	147.6	2.9	-.2	-.1	3.4	-.0	-.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	141.0	141.8	142.3	142.3	3.8	.4	.0	3.3	.4	.4
Baltimore, MD	1	-	141.5	-	140.6	2.6	-.6	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	144.7	-	145.8	3.4	.8	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	131.1	-	130.8	2.6	-.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	142.9	-	134.2	1.7	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	135.5	-	135.9	2.2	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	144.7	-	145.1	2.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	134.9	-	135.4	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	131.6	-	133.5	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	129.1	-	130.7	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.2	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	131.0	-	131.6	-	-	-	-	3.2	.5	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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